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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON BRIEFING OF PRESIDENT KHAMA

1. GABORONE BEING A SMALL PLACE, IT IS BY NOW AN OPEN "SECRET" THAT SOME HIGH-LEVEL USG PEOPLE VISITED BOTSWANA ON SATURDAY. TO DATE, HOWEVER, NOTHING ON THIS HAS APPEARED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA.

2. THE PRESS HAS ASKED US HOW USG IS KEEPING PRESIDENT KHAMA INFORMED OF THE SECRETARY'S ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE HAVE PARRED THIS BY GIVING ASSURANCES THAT THE PRESIDENT IS BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED, BUT THAT INFORMATION AS TO PRECISELY HOW THIS IS BEING

DONE SHOULD APPROPRIATELY COME ONLY FROM GOB ITSELF.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE MAY SAY PUBLICLY IN ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WHEN AND BY WHOME WERE RECENT BRIEFING OF PRESIDENT KHAMA EFFECTED, AND WHAT ARE USG'S PLANS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS (I.E., YOUR FORTHCOMING TRIP HERE)?

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B. WHAT IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE OFFICIAL USG DELEGATION TO

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS? (TO DATE WE HAVE ONLY INFORMED THE GOB, AND HAVE MADE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT).

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